

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 8 and 15 by rewriting the same as follows:

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1. (Three Times Amended) A memory apparatus comprising:  
a first storage region from which data can be read and into which data can be written, in accordance with instructions made by a user, and  
a second storage region from which data can be read and into which data can be written by a data-processing apparatus, said second storage region having a user-use prohibition table which is normally inaccessible to said user and which has a plurality of addresses of data items in which one address designates an associated special user block storing password on the information concerning the copyright of the data stored in the first storage region, and another address designates a defective location in said memory apparatus.

8. (Three Times Amended) A data-processing apparatus comprising data processing means for writing data into, and reading data from, an memory apparatus comprising a first storage region from which data can be read and into which data can be written, in accordance with instructions made by a user, and a second storage region from which data can be read and into which data can be written by said data-processing apparatus, said second storage region having a user-use prohibition table which is normally inaccessible to said user and which has a plurality of addresses of data items in which one address designates an associated special user block storing password on the information concerning the copyright of the data stored in the

first storage region, and another address designates a defective location in said memory apparatus,

wherein said data-processing means writes data into, or reads data from, the first storage region when the instructions made by the user are supplied to the memory apparatus to write the data into, or to read from, the memory apparatus.

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15. (Three Times Amended) A data-processing method characterized in that a memory apparatus comprising a first storage region from which data can be read and into which data can be written, in accordance with instructions made by a user, and a second storage region from which data can be read and into which data can be written by a data-processing apparatus, said second storage region having a user-use prohibition table which is normally inaccessible to said user and which has a plurality of addresses of data items in which one address designates an associated special user block storing password or the information concerning the copyright of the data stored in the first storage region, and another address designates a defective location in said memory apparatus; and data is written into, or read from, the first storage region when the user makes instructions to write data into, or to read the data from, the memory apparatus.

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